PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Information relating to number of posts lying vacant in various Ministries/PS Us is not centrally maintained. Recruitment is a continuous process and it is possible that a number of posts including those reserved for tribals remain vacant at a particular time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Any candidate including a tribal candidate cannot be appointed to a post if he does not fulfil the conditions prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the concerned post. Some posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes may remain vacant because suitable Scheduled Tribe candidates are not available for such posts.

Punishment to Corrupt Official

2699. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th June, 2001 under the caption "4,000 corrupt officials yet to be punished CVC";

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The news item captioned "4,000 corrupt officials yet to be punished: CVC" appearing in the Indian Express in its edition dated 9th June, 2001 related to the implementation of the advices given by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). According to the information furnished by the CVC, a total number of 4347 cases were pending with various-Ministries/Departments/ Public Sector Undertakings and Banks for implementation of the advice of the Commission, as on 7.6.2001.

(b) and (c) It is the responsibility of the concerned administrative Ministries/ Departments to ensure the implementation of the advice of the CVC within the timeframe prescribed for the purpose. Government has issued instructions for a monthly review by the Secretaries of the concerned Departments of all pending disciplinary cases in the Ministry/Department and communicating the results of such review every month to the Department of Personnel & Training for monitoring.

Assessment on Employment Generation

2700. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: